



Session 1

# Local noise action plans – action planning process and noise abatement measures

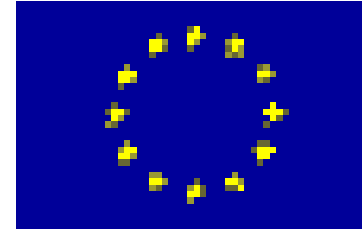
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- European Directive on Environmental Noise
  - Focusing on noise exposure of citizens
  - Supplementing European policy related to control of emissions
  - Obliging Member States to develop noise maps and noise action plans for urban agglomerations





# END: Main principles

- **Monitoring the environmental problem:**  
'strategic noise maps' for major roads, railways, airports and agglomerations, using harmonised noise indicators; maps to be used to assess the number of people throughout Europe suffering from annoyance and sleep disturbance caused by noise
- **Informing and consulting the public:**  
the public needs to be informed and consulted on exposure to noise and its effects, as well as the measures considered to address noise
- **Address local issues:**  
competent authorities are required to develop action plans to reduce noise where necessary and maintain environmental noise quality where it is good
- **Develop a long-term EU strategy:**  
including objectives to reduce the number of people affected by noise on the longer term and providing a framework for developing existing Community policy on noise reduction from source



# END: Legal requirements

- By June 2007, MS were to ensure that strategic noise maps were made for:
  - All agglomerations with more than 250.000 inhabitants
  - All major roads which have more than 6 million vehicle passages a year
  - Major railways which have more than 60.000 train passages a year
  - Major airports within their territories
  - Revisions every 5 years
- By July 2008, competent authorities should draw up action plans designed to manage, within their territories, noise issues and effects
  - including noise reduction if necessary for agglomerations and places near major roads, railways and airports
  - Aim at protecting quiet areas against an increase in noise
  - Revisions every 5 years





## END: Legal Requirements

- By June 2012, competent authorities should develop noise maps for all agglomerations of 100,000 and more inhabitants, and thereafter every 5 years
- By July 2013, competent authorities should develop noise action plans for all agglomerations of 100,000 and more inhabitants, to be reviewed and revised, if necessary, when a major development occurs and at least every 5 years
- Measures within the plans are at the discretion of the competent authorities but:
  - They should particularly address priorities identified in the strategic noise maps
  - They should fulfill minimum requirements indicated in END





Thank you for your attention!

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